

AMENDMENTSIN THE TITLE:

Please replace the current title with "METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR BINDING
LOOSE SHEETS"

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert, before the first paragraph of the application, the paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of United States Patent Application No. 09/201,977,
filed December 1, 1998, now abandoned, which claims priority to Italian Patent Applications
Nos. RM97-U/000262 and RM97-U/000263, both filed December 1, 1997. This application
incorporates herein the entirety of United States Patent Application No. 09/201,977 by reference.

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Please replace paragraph 80 at page 7 lines 5-8 of the specification with the following
replacement paragraph:

-- In figures 14, 15 and 16 and 17 and 18, it can be seen the sheet 41 for continuous
feeding, wherein the glue or both sides adhesive tape strip 42, along with the silicone band 43, is
provided on the upper side of the alternated sheets, instead of on the lateral edge. --

Please replace paragraph 88 at page 7 line 35 through page 8 line 2 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

R³ -- Whichever is its structure, band 201 according to the invention, preferably comprised of protection silicone material releasable by the various glues employed, provides a glue zone 202 to be placed on the sheet 203 (see figures 22 and 23 and 24) for coupling with the same in the application zone 204 (see figure 25). --

Please replace paragraph 89 at page 8 lines 3-7 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

a⁴ -- On the continuous band 201, at the end of the glue zone 202, a zone 205 without glue is provided, for the subsequent removal of the silicone material band, followed by a zone 206 serving to reveal, by apparatus or visually, the end of a band section and the beginning of the following one to be applied on another sheet 203.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

a⁵ 1. (amended) A sheet for permanent binding to one or more additional sheets, having an adhesive strip comprising an adhesive element selected from the group consisting of a glue and a two-sided tape, wherein the tape is adhesive on both surfaces, along at least one of its edges, and a silicone material band, releasably placed on said glue or adhesive tape strip and having at least a portion not coupled to said glue or adhesive tape strip, such that the uncoupled portion may be used to grasp the silicone band during its removal and the binding.